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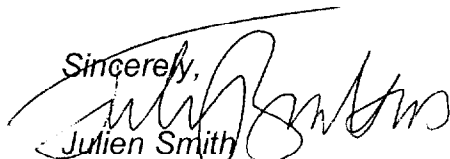
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Dear FDA:

I am writing to object to the use of the term "fresh" to describe any food treated with nonthermal processing, as proposed in Docket 00N-1351 Food Labeling; Use of the Term "Fresh" for Foods Processed With Alternative Nonthermal Technologies. I also request that you rescind decision to allow raw foods treated with irradiation be labeled as fresh.

The term fresh implies untreated, unprocessed food. Please allow labeling criteria to reflect this by not including nonthermal technologies which have not been thoroughly studied.

Sincerely,



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